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News worth sharing.

Pedestrian struck, killed

- Dangerous intersection plagued by near-misses, local office worker says
- Collision closed Laurier Avenue and Metcalfe Street intersection for several hours

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▶ A pedestrian who was struck by a dump truck was taken to the Ottawa Trauma Centre where he succumbed to his injuries, paramedics said.

Police are investigating the death of a 64-year-old man who was struck by a dump truck while crossing Laurier Avenue at Metcalfe Street.

Witnesses said the collision happened as the JDC Enterprise truck was turning east on to Laurier shortly after noon yesterday.

"The truck was trying to make the corner and get around the pedestrians. I guess the pedestrian never saw him," said one witness who refused to give his name and saw the accident unfold as he was having a cigarette.

"This lady ran up, and started yelling at the driver. She was yelling at him to stop." The man said the truck rose four of five inches as it rolled over the man.

"I thought it was a garbage bag going under the truck at first when I saw it out of the corner of my eye. Then I saw his arm flail out and I looked up and saw him go under the bumper," the man said.

The woman, named Jenny, who works in a nearby office, refused to comment, but told police in her statement that she went under the truck to stay with the injured man after it stopped.

Ottawa paramedics said the pedestrian had a faint pulse at the scene with "severe multi-system trauma and went into cardiac arrest following extrication."

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OC Transpo

Proposal shortens services

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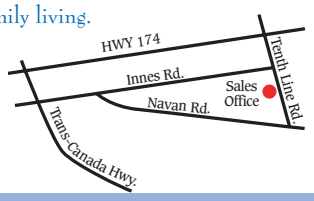

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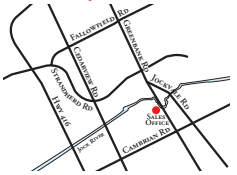

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Some buses may have to go: Transpo

- OC Transpo warns that without proposed changes, transit will cost $145 million more over five years
- Public consultations on the plan begin March 23

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Some transit riders will face longer walks to the bus stop and fewer buses when they get there if OC Transpo proposals go ahead to combine or shorten some routes and pull others off the road during non-peak hours.

Transpo's 2011 Business Plan, presented to the city's interim transit commission yesterday, included a long list of bus routes under review.

Currently, 98.6 per cent of urban households have a five-minute walk to a bus stop and 99.9 per cent are within a 10-minute walk. After route changes, 95 per cent would be within five minutes of a stop during peak periods, and within 10 minutes off-peak.

The changes are aimed at saving $6.5 million in 2011 and $19.5 million in 2012 and beyond.

OC Transpo general manager Alain Mercier said the vast majority of riders won't notice the difference.

"Over 90 per cent of our riders take those routes that we're not going to change, or will actually look at improving service," he said.

STEVE COLLINS/METRO

▶ Most high-frequency rapid transit routes, like this 96, would be either unchanged or enhanced according to OC Transpo's business plan.

Routes on review

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▶ OC Transpo general manager Alain Mercier

These bus routes have been targeted for possible service cuts by OC Transpo in its 2011 business plan:

- **Consolidated with other routes to eliminate duplication:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, 23, 32, 34, 39, 40, 43, 57, 62, 63, 64, 65, 85, 88, 101, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, 125, 130, 131, 133, 141, 142, 143, 144, 150, 151, 154, 155, 156, 158, 160, 165, 166, 168, 182, 188, 190, 191, 316.
- **Shortened by removing local loops and crescents:** 5, 18, 31, 37, 101, 102, 179, 221, 231, 283.
- **Run only during peak periods:** 103, 116, 127, 136, 137, 140, 143, 145, 147, 149, 152, 153, 161, 163, 165, 167, 171, 174, 175, 178, 306.
- **Certain sections run only in peak periods:** 5, 6, 9, 12, 16, 18, 40, 82, 97, 105, 106, 115, 120, 121, 125, 129, 131, 151, 154, 156, 166, 169, 190, 191, 192, 197, 232.

$22M
Amount OC Transpo is trying to save annually through operating efficiencies, including route changes and the use of more high-volume double-decker buses.

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Sent back to China to die?

Lawyer says ousted multimillionaire faces torture or execution Ottawa says the fears are unfounded

A multimillionaire Chinese refugee claimant accused of fraud in his homeland was deported to China yesterday despite fears he could be tortured or executed there.

Canadian authorities put Han Lin Zang, 65, on an afternoon flight to China just hours after a federal court judge nixed an emergency stay of removal.

"He is deeply concerned, frightened, but to a certain degree resigned to this," said one of his lawyers, Daniel Kingwell.

Earlier, Judge Richard Boivin said Zeng's fears appeared to be overblown.

"There is no evidence the death penalty or torture can reasonably be anticipated in this case," Boivin wrote.

"The fear is the death penalty. Canada sought no assurance that he will not be executed despite the uncontradicted expert opinion that he will. We're very concerned."
LAWYER DANIEL KINGWELL

The self-made millionaire once owned a large firm in China focused on shipping, transportation services and mechanical manufacturing.

In 1997, his business merged with a steel company, and his new partner accused him of concealing mortgages.

Zeng fled to Canada in 2000, claiming corrupt officials had framed him.

He filed a refugee claim in Toronto in 2004, but it was rejected.

Ottawa argued that while Zeng does face the risk of a substantial prison sentence if convicted, the chance of ill-treatment or execution is remote.

Boivin agreed with Ottawa, noting the contract-fraud charge Zeng faces does not carry the death penalty on conviction. Nor was there evidence that China would upgrade the charge to financial fraud, a capital crime.

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Brit stuck in T.O. on U.S. no-fly list flying out

An Englishman left stranded in Canada because he's on the U.S. no-fly list is heading home.

Dawood Hepplewhite says a British consular official called with a "one-time offer" from Air Transat to fly with his wife and children to Scotland as a "goodwill gesture."

Hepplewhite, 30, divides his time between Sheffield, England, and Toronto, where his Canadian wife, Farhia, and their three children live.

He showed up at Toronto's Pearson Airport on Sunday with his family only to be told by an Air Transat official he couldn't board the plane. He says Air Canada and British Airways also refused to let him fly to England.

Civil liberties advocates say the marooned Briton's plight highlights the dangers posed by continuing use of the U.S. no-fly list by airlines in Canada.

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Pedal power. A bumpy ride

▶ Krystian Herba poses by the Gran Hotel Bali in Benidorm, Spain. He "rode" — bounced — up 921 steps, but like any sensible person, he took the elevator down.

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He took the stairs — sort of

For Polish stunt cyclist Krystian Herba, it was quite a "ride." He bounced — not pedalled — up 921 steps to the top of Europe's tallest hotel yesterday. It took him 19 minutes and 27 seconds to get to the peak of the 52-storey Gran Hotel Bali in Benidorm, Spain.

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Opposition united in furor over Bev Oda

The case of a Conservative minister who doctored a signed document and misled the House of Commons is a test of Canada's democracy, says Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

All three opposition parties have called for the resignation of Bev Oda, the international co-operation minister, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper says she did nothing wrong.

"In a democracy, ministers make the decisions," Harper told the House of Commons yesterday.

But Harper has yet to address the substance of the controversy — that Oda misled the House and ordered a signed document to be falsified.

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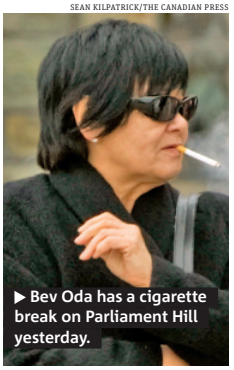

▶ Bev Oda has a cigarette break on Parliament Hill yesterday.

"It's about the integrity of the democratic system. Of course she has to go," Ignatieff said.

Oda admitted this week she ordered the handwritten changes to a signed funding approval, which made it appear senior Canadian International Development Agency officials rejected a KAIROS funding application.

NDP Leader Jack Layton took Harper to task for the technically correct but narrow response that the minister had the right to overrule her officials.

"There is no right to forge documents," said Layton. "There is no right to mislead the House."

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Doc's spy camera filmed nude women

A Montreal doctor has been suspended and fined for filming female patients with a hidden camera while they were naked.

Quebec's College of Physicians says it has suspended Dr. Barry Rabinovitch for four months and fined him $3,000.

Investigators found that Rabinovitch filmed 10 to 15 women in various stages of undress in an examining room between January and May, 2009.

The 56-year-old is a married father of two children and a lung specialist.

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Travellers flying high amid strike

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Libya: Now Gadhafi is feeling the heat

- Buildings set ablaze in two cities, riot police clash with protesters
- Embattled dictator hits back by raising salaries, releasing militants

Egypt-inspired unrest spread against Libya's longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi yesterday.

Riot police clashed with protesters in the second-largest city of Benghazi.

Marchers set fire to security headquarters and police stations in two other cities.

Gadhafi's government sought to allay further unrest by proposing the doubling of government employees' salaries and releasing 110 suspected Islamic militants who oppose him — tactics similar to those adopted by other Arab regimes in the recent wave of protests.

Activists using Facebook and Twitter have called for nationwide demonstrations today to demand the ouster of Gadhafi, the establishment of a constitution and comprehensive political and economic reforms.

Video clips posted on the Internet showed Benghazi protesters carrying signs and chanting: "No God but Allah. Moammar is the enemy of Allah," and "Down, down to corruption and to the corrupt."

Police and armed government backers quickly clamped down, firing rubber bullets and dousing protesters with water cannons.

Another video shows people running away from gunfire while shots are heard.

A young man in a white, bloodstained robe is then seen being carried by protesters.

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Bahrain: Chants, rage

Swelling protests against Bahrain's rulers gained momentum yesterday.

Huge crowds called for a sweeping political overhaul.

The kingdom's stunned leaders appeared to shift tactics after attempts to crush the uprising stoked rage on the streets and sharp criticism from Western allies.

Protesters have turned a landmark square in the capital of Manama into their base camp, which was swollen with tens of thousands of people by nightfall yesterday.

Their chants reverberated off the buildings and bridges and they sang the Egyptian national anthem.

Their next important move takes a page directly from the Egypt unrest: calling for a major march after Friday prayers to re-energize followers.

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Unrest. Treetop targets

▶ Government supporters holding posters of President Ali Abdullah Saleh climb a tree during clashes with anti-government protesters in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

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Yemen: Two shot dead

Police fired on protesters in Yemen's southern port of Aden yesterday, killing two people. Around 2,000 police flooded the streets of the capital, Sanaa, trying to halt protests. Facebook and Twitter messages urged Yemenis to join in a "Friday of Rage."

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Italian PM nonchalant amid charges

Silvio Berlusconi made first public comment since being indicted on allegations he paid for sex with teen

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▶ Silvio Berlusconi at a press conference yesterday.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi showed aplomb in the face of charges that could end his political career, saying yesterday he isn't worried about his impending prostitution trial or calls for his resignation.

He spoke shortly before holding talks and a working dinner with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, his first international meeting since the indictment.

Berlusconi has denied any wrongdoing, dismissing the accusations as "groundless" and the case as a "farce" and a "shame." He has accused prosecutors of trying to topple his government.

Yesterday, the premier dodged questions about the case during a news conference on economic themes in Rome.

"Out of love of my country, I won't talk about this," Berlusconi told reporters. "I can only say one thing: I'm not worried at all."

The indictment marks a serious challenge to Berlusconi's grip on power at a time when the premier is weakened by an acrimonious split with an ex-ally. It reignited calls for Berlusconi's resignation, with the opposition contending the scandal has embarrassed Italy and damaged its image abroad.

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260. Tacos

▶ Chef Michel Henri Wetli celebrates with Emory University employees and students during an attempt to set a record for the world's longest line of tacos featuring sustainable seafood and produce yesterday in Atlanta.

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Attempting a record outside the bun

German law could speak volumes

Germany is so desperate to encourage people to have more children that the government is proposing a bill allowing citizens under six to laugh, shout and play at any volume.

The government said yesterday the proposed law would exempt children from strict regulations on noise limits, which force construction sites to stand idle for hours at midday and prohibit mowing lawns on Sunday.

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A royal welcome

William and Kate to visit 'It is my sincere hope that their tour will be the start of a lasting relationship with Canada': Stephen Harper

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Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, at St. James's Palace, London, on Nov. 16, 2010.

Whistle stops

The Governor General's office says the tour will be co-ordinated by Kevin MacLeod, Canadian secretary to the Queen.

- **MacLeod** handled arrangements for the 2009 visit by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall and for the Queen's tour last year.
- A more **detailed itinerary** will be released by Canadian Heritage in the coming months.
- Heritage Minister James Moore said the **choice of stops** was jointly decided by the royals and the Canadian government.
- While **taxpayers** will pay for the tour, Moore said the money is part of the department's regular budget for VIP visits.

Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton will visit Canada this summer on their first trip as a married couple, the Governor General and the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday.

The newlyweds arrive on June 30 and will celebrate Canada Day in Ottawa. They'll tour until July 8, stopping in the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, where they will visit Montreal and Quebec City.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper invited them after they announced their engagement in November. The wedding is April 29.

"William & Kate are going to be here for Canada Day. Oh my GAWD. Best news of the week."
TWITTER USER, TAGGED 'ROYAL OBSESSION'

British tabloids have reported that aides are aware that she and William will be under the microscope and are planning the trip carefully. One British news organization said she has agreed to do one event in Canada without William.

William's participation in Canada Day festivities will mark the second time in two years that a royal has been part of the celebrations — the Queen was in Ottawa last summer.

Discussions are underway about what the Canadian government will give the couple as an official gift. They have asked for donations to charity. Canada Post is issuing a stamp in their honour.

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Make the royals pay: Critic

It is one thing to pay for the Queen to come to Canada, since she is the head of state. But to pay for her children and grandchildren makes no sense, says Tom Freda, national director of Citizens for a Canadian Republic.

"They are simply celebrities and nothing more," he said. "Canadian taxpayers should no more pay to have this famous couple visit Canada than to pay for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie or David and Victoria Beckham." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada too lax with tax crooks?

Report says Canada's criminal economy is depriving the federal treasury of billions in untaxed revenues

An internal report on Canada's efforts to catch and prosecute tax crooks says the federal government is letting too many criminals off the hook.

The newly released probe into the Canada Revenue Agency's enforcement arm found a raft of problems that suggest officials are doing a poor job of battling fraudsters and criminal organizations.

The findings, released at the launch of the tax-filing season, appear at odds with the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda, which has lately included tougher parole restrictions for white-collar criminals. The internal document indicates the vast majority of criminals convicted of defrauding the government itself aren't even sent to jail or prison.

The authors of the report arrived at those conclusions even though the agency had "very limited data available on white collar crime, including fraud and tax evasion."

The evaluation examined the recent performance of the Canada Revenue Agency's two key units devoted to battling criminals. The criminal investigations program, which is the law-enforcement arm, and the special enforcement program together employ about 650 people.

"There is no evidence that the agency has a clear, well publicized deterrence strategy that clearly links to a co-ordinated detection capability," it concludes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fraud facts

Among the findings of the internal report...

- Overworked tax cops go after the small fry instead of the big tax dodgers, just to have some quick successes.
- Too many tax investigations go nowhere because of shoddy legwork and a poor working relationship with prosecutors.
- Far fewer convicted tax cheats go to jail in Canada compared with other countries such as the United States, Britain and Australia.

Insectarium. Montreal

▶ The Butterflies Go Free exhibit in Montreal features some 1,500 butterflies of various species from around the globe.

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Orange you going to fly away?

A Cobra moth rests on the shoulder of Sonya Charest, co-ordinator of scientific activities at the Insectarium, during the launching of the Butterflies Go Free exhibit yesterday in Montreal.

Soaring food prices leaving bellies empty

Surging food prices in India are forcing families to cut back on meat and vegetables. In Indonesia, they prompted the president to urge people to grow their own chili peppers. And in China, restaurant owners are feeling the squeeze.

Inflation is climbing across Asia as the cost of food jumps, echoing the previous global food crisis that peaked in 2008. While people in the United States and other western countries will barely feel the effects of higher prices, getting enough to eat is a big challenge for tens of millions in Asia. Poor families typically spend more than half their household income on food and are bearing the brunt.

Wary of potential unrest, governments are trying to keep food price inflation from spilling into the rest of the economy. Officials face a tough dilemma as they raise interest rates to dampen inflation. Too fast and it will choke off economic growth, too slow and the problem could spiral out of control.

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▶ A fruit seller sits in his shop in New Delhi, India, where food inflation has been stuck in the double digits for a year.

The World Bank says global food prices have hit "dangerous levels" after jumping 29 per cent overall in the past year. It estimates costlier corn, wheat — and oil — have pushed 44 million people into extreme poverty since June.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization says food costs have reached an historic high but recent good harvests are staving off the kind of food emergency felt in 2008, when shortages and skyrocketing prices caused riots in poor nations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hunger hikes

Liu Shaozhen runs a fast food restaurant in Beijing with her husband...

- She says she now pays 225 yuan ($34) for a 20-kilogram tub of salad oil, nearly double what it cost when they opened the business in September.
- Rice costs nearly 40 per cent more.

Stolen leg returned

Niagara Region police say a prosthetic leg that was stolen during a break-in at a home in Welland has been returned to the owner.

Police say the leg was among items taken last Friday morning from a home in the southern Ontario city while its occupants were asleep.

A Canada Post employee spotted the stolen prosthetic leg during her mail route today and contacted police.

The leg was recovered by police and returned to the owner.

Police are continuing their investigation and want to hear from anyone with information.

There have been no arrests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online date ends in robbery

A date set up on a chat line ended in robbery for a London, Ont., man.

Police say a man arranged to meet a woman he met on a chat line.

When he arrived at the designated meeting place on Tuesday, the woman and a man were waiting for him and he was robbed at knifepoint.

Police say a woman and a man were both taken into custody after a short standoff with police officers who responded after the victim reported the robbery.

Investigators say there were no injuries.

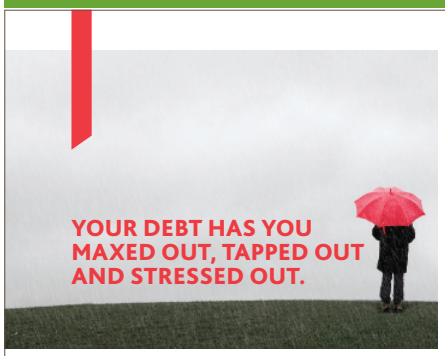
A 21-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man are charged with robbery and forcible confinement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister Kenney in hot water again

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney was asked by a reporter with The Canadian Press whether it was acceptable for a cabinet minister to lie and change a document — referring to the controversy surrounding International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda.

Kenney responded: "Radio-Canada, they lie all the time. Which media are you with?" Kenney later said he was "just being sarcastic."

Last week, Kenney criticized judges for not going along with Ottawa's efforts to deport unwanted refugee claimants. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Man stranded in desert drank wiper fluid

Used car mats to stay warm Read car manual cover to cover to pass time

Henry Morello prayed to Saint Anthony, the patron saint of lost things. But as the 84-year-old spent a fifth night stuck in a ditch in the Arizona desert, he started to lose hope.

"My phone went dead, my battery went dead and I went dead," Morello said.

But Morello lived to tell his tale Tuesday at a Phoenix hospital, where the diabetic man was admitted in good condition despite drinking windshield wiper fluid to stay hydrated.

He didn't have water, Morello said, so he broke open the wiper fluid container with a rock and filtered it with a napkin to try to make it safe.

Morello said he made a wrong turn while driving home Feb. 7 from the Phoenix suburb of Cave Creek and ended up stuck in the desert north of the city, near the state's major north-south road for Grand Canyon-bound travellers.

Morello said he became stranded when — realizing he took a wrong turn — he made a U-turn and wound up in a ditch. He tried to crawl out of the car, but did not get far and returned.

He ripped a chrome piece from his car and put it on the roof, hoping someone would see the reflection.

A pack of hikers found him Saturday morning. He heard a knock on his window from a hiker, and suddenly his long, painful ordeal was over.

"I just kissed him," Morello said of the hiker.

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▶ Henry Morello, 84, of Anthem, Ariz., toasts with a bottle of water as he talks about surviving his five-day ordeal in the desert during a news conference at John C. Lincoln Hospital on Tuesday in Phoenix.

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Travellers head south for savings

- It can cost half as much to fly from a U.S. airport
- Canadian travel industry risks losing billions

More than one in five Canadian leisure travellers ducked higher domestic airfare taxes and fees last year by driving to the United States to fly to U.S. or international destinations, says a Hotel Association of Canada survey.

The number of Canadians who hopped the border rose by three percentage points from 18 per cent in 2009, says the survey, released yesterday. An additional 11 per cent of Canadians said they would also consider making the trek this year, in part because of the strong loonie.

The potential for almost one-third of Canadian travellers to avoid their local airport could cost Canadian airports, hotels and airlines billions of dollars in lost business, association president Tony Pollard said. The growing trend highlights the need for Ottawa to reduce airport fees, travel costs and airline surcharges, he said.

73%
The number of leisure travellers who use the web to gather information before they book travel. Some 86 per cent of business travellers also use the web.

The savings from driving an hour or so to fly from a U.S. airport can be substantial. For example, a mid-week roundtrip Air Canada flight to Orlando, Fla., from Pierre Trudeau International Airport in Montreal costs $629, including $137 in fees, taxes and surcharges. But Star Alliance partner United Airways offers the trip from Burlington, Vt., for $308, including $42.80 in taxes and fees.

The travel industry has long pleaded without much success for the government to reduce taxes and fees.

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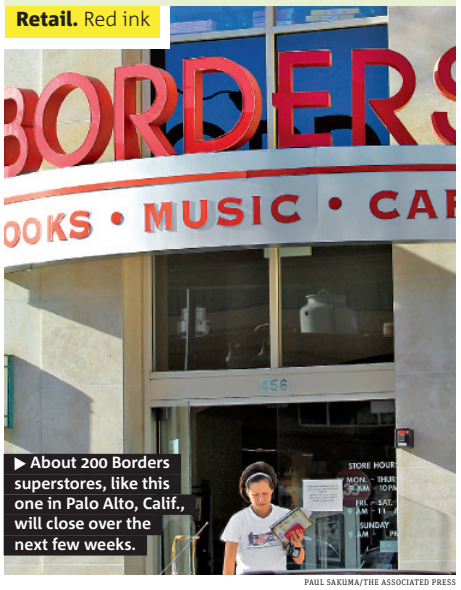

▶ About 200 Borders superstores, like this one in Palo Alto, Calif., will close over the next few weeks.

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Borders on the brink

American bookseller Borders, which helped pioneer superstores that put countless independent bookshops out of business, filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, sunk by crushing debt and a failure to adapt to the web and electronic books. The 40-year-old company will close about 200 of its 642 stores over the next few weeks. According to the Chapter 11 filing, Borders had $1.29 billion US in debts and had not reported a profit since 2006.

Debt rising, but credit cards put on ice

Non-mortgage debt went up substantially across the country during the fourth quarter of 2010, despite a drop in the amount borrowed on credit cards, a credit analysis firm reported yesterday.

TransUnion said average debt per Canadian consumer, excluding mortgages, was $25,709, up 5.6 per cent from $24,346 in the same period of 2009.

Only a small portion of the total in either year was drawn on credit cards, and in fact credit-card debt in the fourth quarter of 2010 dropped by 2.7 per cent from a year before to $3,688.

Lines of credit were the biggest form of consumer debt tracked, and rose to nearly $34,000, up 8.8 per cent over the year. TransUnion suggests Canadians took advantage of lower interest rates on lines of credit to consolidate debts.

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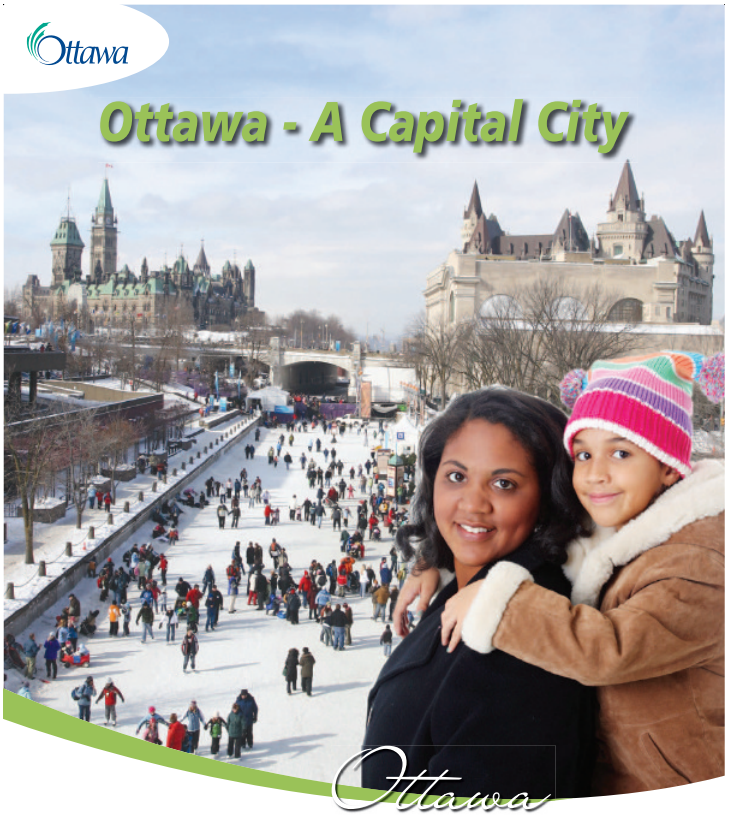

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A RECIPE FOR DISASTER IN THE MAKING

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I don't know how to cook, but I've decided to face up to it the way Western society has taught me: I'm going to blame my childhood.

My Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Gerrior did an excellent job filling me with a fear of the deadly stove, the killer oven, and especially the child-killing pot of boiling water with its handle pointed outward. I can't even look at a pot on a stove without superimposing a red "X" over top.

With fear sowed in my heart, I approached the oven in my early years gingerly, like it was a lion at feeding time. Grabbing a kitchen chair and a whip would have been entirely appropriate.

I remember trying to make breakfast without getting hot grease to splash onto my flesh, which seemed to happen every morning without fail, even if I was making Corn Flakes.

On top of that, I was born with no spatial skills, so every time I tried to peel a potato or beat cream it caused, at minimum, $400 damage.

It got even worse in junior high because I had to take home economics, which oddly never had anything to do with economics. I think it was called that because the class helps you realize you'll need to pay for hired help when you grow up if you want to survive.

"Using these as my guideposts, I plan to face up to my shortcomings and at long last learn how to cook. I'll start with one of my favourite childhood recipes: I just need two all-beef patties, lettuce and cheese."

I was yelled at by the Grade 8 home ec teacher because I washed a sink full of dishes without soap, because I spent five minutes trying to figure out what was wrong with a sewing machine that was unplugged and, when it came to cooking ... well, let's just say my favoured ingredient was tears.

Now here I am, a 34-year-old "culi-nary" who isn't entirely sure what "broil" means.

My mother, always in touch with my needs, just sent me two cookbooks in the mail: Cooking For Men, which features a cover image of a man contemplating an egg in a way that makes you wonder which has the higher IQ. The other book is called, Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen!

Using these as my guideposts, I plan to face up to my shortcomings and at long last learn how to cook. I'll start with one of my favourite childhood recipes: I just need two all-beef patties, lettuce and cheese.

So, where does one buy special sauce?

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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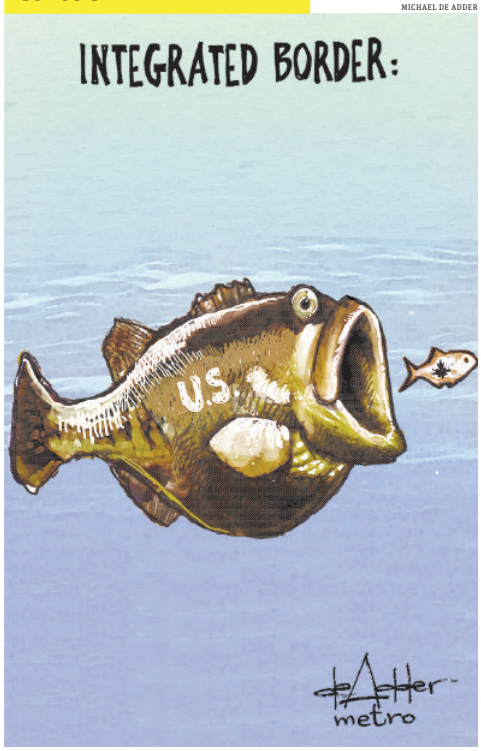

Something fishy in China

Worth mentioning

Animal activists in China say a now-famous magic trick with goldfish swimming in sync for the Lunar New Year may have involved abuse including implanted magnets, and are asking the state broadcaster not to air it again.

Hundreds of millions of people watched the magic trick during a China Central Television gala on the Jan. 30 eve of the Lunar New Year festival. The gala is China's most watched broadcast of the year.

Goldfish are a symbol of wealth in China, but the image of six of them swimming in perfect sync under magician Fu Yandong's direction alarmed some Chinese, who worried that magnets were implanted in the fish or that they were controlled by electric current.

Fifty-three animal rights groups and other groups have sent a letter to CCTV asking not to let Fu perform the trick again during today's broadcast of the Lantern Festival, which ends the Lunar New Year events.

Fu won't explain how his trick works, but has defended his actions, saying on his Twitter-like microblog that the goldfish are "living happily."

Like many Chinese, the animal rights groups want to know how the trick is done and have asked for a group of independent experts to examine the fish.

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Metro Minute with Treasure Hunters

Find out if your basement contains hidden valuables as the Treasure Hunters Road Show comes to the Travelodge Hotel (1375 Carling Ave.). The Treasure Hunters are looking for coins and paper currency issued prior to 1965, toys, dolls, trains, vintage jewelry, old and modern musical instruments, war memorabilia, gold and silver jewelry, costume jewelry, advertising memorabilia and more. Recent finds include a vintage 1960s guitar purchased for $100,000 and four gold coins worth $72,000. Have your potential treasures assessed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The event is free.

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▶ The Treasure Hunters Road Show will stop at the Travelodge Hotel today through Saturday.

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Hey Rosetta! to rock Ottawa

Hey Rosetta!'s second album Seeds was released on Tuesday Frontman Tim Baker says the band is closer after spending the last two years touring

BACKSTAGE PASS

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The pride of St. John's returns to the Capital this weekend. Hey Rosetta! will be hitting the stage at Capital Music Hall Saturday night, just days after the release of their new album Seeds.

After touring in support of their critically acclaimed album Into Your Lungs, the band released their much anticipated second full-length this past Tuesday.

Front man Tim Baker says the expectations for this one were pretty high, but mainly because they set them themselves.

"Definitely there were expectations from fans and from critics and everything but mostly from ourselves," he says. "This is our lives and it's everything so we wanted to make it as good as we possibly could and really make something that would really excite us. We definitely felt the pressure but tried to use it to make it better. You know, when you're actually making the music, the pressure disappears and you get lost in the moment of it, in the craft of it."

HANDOUT

▶ Hey Rosetta! return to Ottawa Saturday to celebrate the release of their new album Seeds.

The band was happy to work with producer Tony Doogan, who has also worked with Wintersleep and Belle and Sebastian.

"On this record we wanted to really focus a bit more on the sound of it and the sounds of the instruments and the production and the soundscape of it," says Baker. "Really making the songs sound different and sound diverse from the rest of it and he was the perfect person really to do that."

Expect to hear a few of those new songs Saturday night but also some of your other favourites. Advance tickets for the show at Capital Music Hall (128 York St.) are sold out but a limited number will be available at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m. so get there early.

Have a good time for a good cause

Get dressed up and enjoy a night of live entertainment and great food, all in the name of a good cause — the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada. Tickets include a four course meal with wine. There will also be a silent auction, raffles and door prizes.

What: Benefit Gala for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
When: Saturday at 6 p.m.
Where: Sala San Marco, 215 Preston St.
Price: $55

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The Snow Queen comes to Ottawa

Celebrate winter with this stunning multimedia production of Hans Christian Anderson's chilling story of a brave little girl who defies the odds and faces her fears in order to rescue her best friend from the evil Snow Queen.

Directed and narrated by Alon Nashman and featuring dancer Kate Alton, this is a captivating musical experience for all ages.

What: Ottawa Chamber Music Society presents The Snow Queen
When: Tomorrow, 7 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m., 1 & 4 p.m.
Where: Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau
Price: $20 for adults, $10 for kids

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2 scene

Scene in brief

Canadian film and TV star William Shatner will host this year's Genie Awards. The Star Trek captain says he's looking forward to seeing many of his friends at next month's televised bash.
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Sex, money and cosmetic surgery centre stage in new opera about tabloid diva Anna Nicole Smith

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▶ 11 teams, who competed in previous editions of The Amazing Race, will return for the show

THE AMAZING RACE

WHY ISN'T THE RACE BROADCAST IN HD?

The Amazing Race host Phil Keoghan is glad he'll never be asked this question ever again: Why isn't the race broadcast in HD?

After years of sticking to standard definition, CBS' around-the-world competition expands to HD for the first time Sunday with an Unfinished Business edition starring former contestants.

"For a long time, people have said to me that they couldn't believe we weren't in HD," said Keoghan. "For me, it was just very frustrating because I didn't disagree with them. I think if there's any show on prime-time network television that lends itself to HD, it's The Amazing Race. It screams for HD, and it's been screaming for HD for a long time."

Several other reality TV shows have been broadcast in HD for years. (CBS Survivor upgraded to HD in 2009.)

After years of blaming the expense and challenge of using HD equipment on the road, Amazing Race producers made the change for the 18th season, promising crisp images of racers climbing a glacier in Switzerland and interacting with animals in China.

The switcheroo is striking in the premiere episode when 11 teams of veteran contestants who have never won the show's $1 million grand prize set off from a wind farm in Palm Springs, Calif., for sunny Sydney, Australia, where the challenges include diving into a murky shark tank and navigating a 16-foot skiff along the glistening Manly Cove.

"Visually, it will be a much richer show," promised executive producer Bertram van Munster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Speech's roots in reality

Writer of Oscar nominated The King's Speech, David Seidler struggled with his own speaking impediment Drew inspiration from George VI

Telling the story of the stammering king, George VI, has been a lifetime ambition for David Seidler, ever since he subdued his own stutter nearly 60 years ago.

Born seven months after George took the British throne in 1936, screenwriter Seidler grew up paralyzed by the same impediment he depicts the monarch struggling to overcome in The King's Speech, the best-picture favourite at the Academy Awards.

From just before his third birthday to age 16, Seidler stumbled and sputtered over his syllables so badly that he lived in terror of speaking in class, talking to girls, even answering the phone.

"I had huge trouble with the 'H' sound, so when the telephone rang, I would break into a cold sweat, because I couldn't say hello," Seidler, 73, said in an interview.

Born in Britain, Seidler developed a stammer in 1940 on a boat to the United States, where his family moved during World War II. Seidler, who had an uncle with a boyhood stammer, figures his own began from the trauma of German bombs, the sea voyage and abrupt separation from his beloved nanny.

As George VI rallied his country, the young Seidler heard the king valiantly struggling through his radio addresses and hoped he might one day master his own speech troubles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ The King's Speech is nominated for an Oscar for best original screenplay.

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DAVID SEIDLE

Oscars

The Oscar's winners' envelope is changing.

▶ **History changing** The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says it is replacing the plain, white envelopes it has used for the past 70 years with a custom-designed envelope and announcement card.

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Star Oscar nods linked to strokes

Study shows that Hollywood lifestyle has its risks

Hollywood trivia quiz: What do Sharon Stone, Dudley Moore, James Garner and Elizabeth Taylor have in common besides an Oscar nomination? All have suffered strokes, a reminder that money and fame can't insulate you from a health risk that much can be done to prevent, researchers said Thursday.

The International Stroke Conference is being held in Tinseltown for the first time, just a few weeks before this year's Oscars are to be awarded. So researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles had the idea to check movie stars' rates of heart attacks and strokes.

"We see the diseases that ravage them just as they ravage the rest of the country and the world," said Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the stroke centre at UCLA. He has treated several Hollywood glitterati who suffered strokes.

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▶ Sharon Stone

For their study, researchers searched the Internet and a movie industry database to compile a list of all best actor/actress nominees since the Oscars began in 1927 through 2009.

Strokes

Those who suffered strokes after a recent best actor/actress nomination

Stars: Dudley Moore, James Garner, Sharon Stone, Samantha Morton, Elizabeth Taylor

Of the 409 nominees, at least 29 have suffered strokes — six were fatal — and 39 have had heart attacks. Stroke sufferers were 35 on average when nominated and 67 when stricken. It put a dent in their careers — film and TV appearances fell 73 per cent in the three years after a stroke and 69 per cent after a heart attack, said study co-ordinator Hannah Smith of UCLA.

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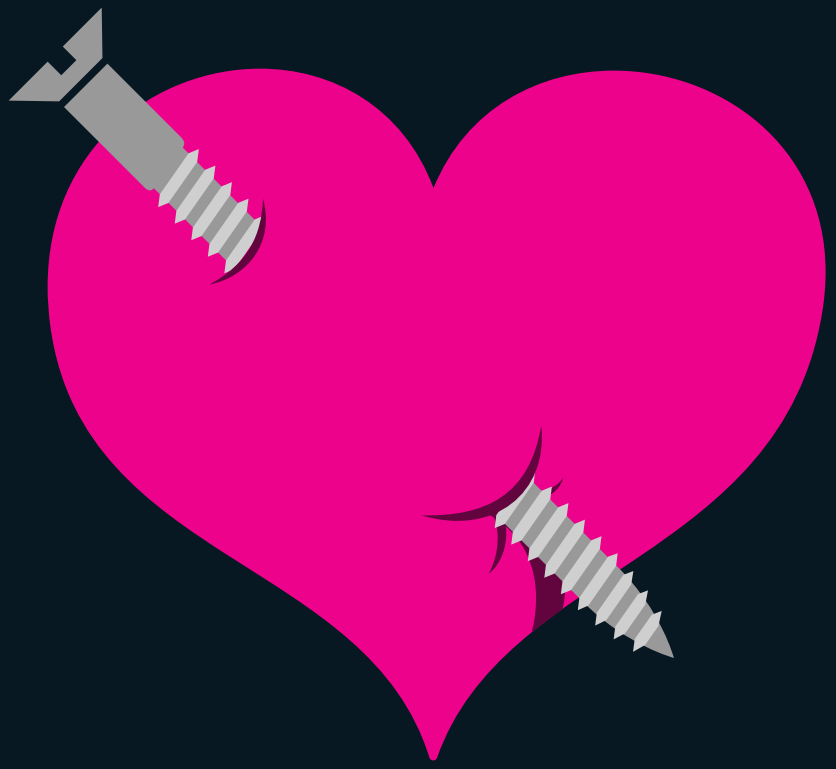

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▶ Nicole Richie

Richie has a view on Sheen

A veteran of rehab herself, Nicole Richie has some thoughts on Charlie Sheen's current attempts at sobering up.

"I don't think he should make it somebody else's responsibility to keep him sober," she said while co-hosting The View, referring to Sheen's comments that his CBS bosses had meddled in his personal life.

"If he wants (his sobriety) to last for a long time, it's up to him," Richie said. "He's an adult and he needs to take responsibility for his actions." METRO

Witness could help Lohan

Starlet's father says a man is contradicting a jewelry store owner's claims in the theft case against Lohan Value of necklace in doubt?

A new witness has come forward to help Lindsay Lohan, her father tells Radar Online.

"A man contacted Lindsay's camp and told them he went into the jewelry store way before Lindsay did and was interested in buying the necklace," Michael says, referring to the $2,500 item Lindsay is accused of stealing.

But the man claims the store, "told him it was $800."

For Michael, that's enough: "This witness will completely exonerate Lindsay and prove that the necklace isn't worth $2,500, and prove that she shouldn't have been charged with a felony," he says.

Lohan pleaded not guilty to a felony grand theft charge in last week. METRO

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▶ Lindsay Lohan.

Watson honoured, teased

Emma Watson received more than just accolades when presented with a Style Icon award at the Elle Style Awards in London recently. She also got something of a ribbing from presenter and designer Vivienne Westwood.

"They said Emma Watson. I said, 'Who is Emma Watson?' I never watch television, I don't read fashion magazines," Westwood said during her introduction, according to the Daily Mail. "I've never seen Harry Potter' I didn't know he had this girl friend called Hermione … So I would like to give this award to Emma, who I've just met." Watson, to her credit, accepted with a laugh. METRO

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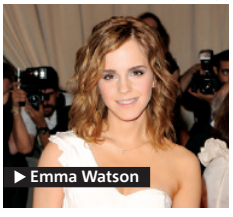

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But the impact of these five fab shows is bound to last well beyond the end of the catwalk

New York runway roundup

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HERVÉ LÉGER

How many ways can one rework the bandage dress? Countless, apparently. Max Azria managed to give the famously sexy bandage dress a cool update by adding some edge, literally. Gold chain links and ivory studs were just a few of the medals embellishing the body sculpting mini and knee-length dresses he churned out. A version in houndstooth, which has been an especially popular print this week, was a standout in the show.

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RODARTE

The slightly bohemian collection was softer and quieter than the gold glamazons they created last season, but it was similar in that layering played a big part. Models paraded in front of a front row that included Kanye West and Sofia Coppola in long wool, cinched waist swing coats worn over slightly longer, floaty dresses. When it was all said and done, the collection left no question of the sisters' maturing craftsmanship.

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MARC JACOBS

The always directional Marc Jacobs took a stiff right turn away from the easy, floaty course he'd taken last season. His new collection was about more constructed looks in futuristic silhouettes with loads of circle-shaped sequins, paillettes and latex appliqués. That means you can pretty much guarantee that the season's trend for shiny, shimmery looks will be fairly huge next fall. It's also worth noting that his dress and high waisted skirt lengths were higher (knee-length) compared to last season's.

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THAKOON

After years of showing his collection in a cold, gallery space, Thakoon moved his show to the sprawling, opulent ballroom at The Plaza hotel. The clothes were beautifully constructed and made of contrasting elements that somehow made sense. Bold African prints mixed with lumberjack plaids and tweeds on asymmetrical coats, bustled skirts and elaborately draped dresses. It all made for one of the most creative shows we've seen this week so far.

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DKNY

If you're curious to know what the big trends will be for fall, have a look at DKNY's mod-themed collection, which featured smart interpretations of most of them including long flared trousers, soft quilted jackets and precisely tailored coats and separates, to name a few. The colour palette, which had lots of charcoal gray, navy and black interspersed with bright lipstick red and blush, was also right in step with the moment.

3 life

Top trends

Trends to watch out for.
1) Lumberjack plaids (Thakoon, Derek Lam, Y-3)
2) Shades of gray (Alexander Wang, Jason Wu, Max Azria)
3) Mixed and matched prints, as shown above (Suno, Thakoon, Duro Olowu)

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Where do fashion trends come from?

In the span of one month, designers in four different corners of the world show strikingly similar runway looks
Is it all a result of some fashion memo on high, or just a big, global coincidence? We get to the bottom of things

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▶ Silky lingerie-like looks at Dries van Noten...

PETER STIGTER

▶ ...and at Rochas too.

Every runway season, fashion houses across the world show similar colours, fabrics and silhouettes that become known as the trends of the moment. For autumn/winter '10, for example, the collections were one big blur of beige, while spring/summer '11 was all breezy, diaphanous dresses. How is it that so many creative visions align?

Designers purchase their fabrics from mills, which show new collections twice a year at fairs such as Premiere Vision in Paris and Pitti Filati in Florence. The fabrics that are highlighted usually end up on the runways. "The fabric mills show colours, yarns and proportions to all the designers," explains Kevin Carrigan, Global Creative Director of Calvin Klein. "From these fabric fairs, designers begin to decipher the major global trends of the season with each house interpreting the inspiration in it's own way and putting their spin on the fashion zeitgeist," he explains.

The colours that the fabrics come in are often influenced by a handful of colour trend services such as Peclers Paris and Nelly Rodi who consult with the fabric mills. These companies hold seminars and create concept books that predict trends.

Once a collection is shown, a whole copy-cat cycle begins where designers mimic what they see being done by fashion leaders such as Miuccia Prada and Marc Jacobs among others.

TO TREND OR NOT TO TREND?

Whether or not the fashion world's trend cycle is good for creativity remains debatable.

"The rapid dissemination of information via the Internet, social media and streamed live fashion shows facilitates the instant travel of trends," says Tamara Albu, Director of the A.A.S. Fashion Design Program at Parsons School of Fashion in New York.

"For many designers who struggle to stay competitive, getting their hints from such sources, processing them as quickly as they can, and translating them into their own collections often results in redundancy and lack of trust in their own self expression," she adds.

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The industrial revolution

Give your space an industrial feel with vintage army furniture, factory photos and reproduction lighting

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Many style-conscious urban dwellers are thirsting for not only the cool loft look, but also the time-worn industrial look. It adds charm to a space and what I call "stories" to chat about; an old factory table or machinery-inspired picture frame can add much-needed interest to a boring, boxy apartment or condo.

Many factory-made furniture pieces and accessories can be had for not a lot of money — a quick cruise through the online classifieds (like Craigslist or Kijiji) and you're bound to find things like vintage office desks, cabinets and work tables. Here's a few new pieces from some favourite retailers.

Let it shine

Vintage army, postal and hospital furniture is all the rage when the paint is stripped down and the metal is laquered to a shiny metal finish. Although not inexpensive, their durability means you'll have a piece that lasts another lifetime. Search for pre- and post-war metal furnishings online at classifieds like Craigslist and Kijiji. 1930's French Postal Desk, $2,800, Restoration Hardware.

Industrial art

A collection of vintage and reproduction industrial clocks hung on a wall creates an immediate focal point in a small foyer or going up a staircase. Oversized printing blocks, signs or black-and-white factory photographs will help to create an industrial feel on the walls. Old gears and machine parts become beautiful artwork when shadow-boxed in a simple black frame against a white linen backdrop. It's best to hang this type of art in singles — large groupings looks mass-produced and will cheapen the effect. Neutral Type Print Framed Art, $200, Crate and Barrel.

Give it new life

Small furniture pieces that may have had a place in a mail room or hospital now take a stand in a bathroom or bedroom as a side table or chair. An old dental table can be brought back to life by giving it a spray of your favourite paint colour — think bright yellow or fuschia for impact in a room. Galvanized Metal Floor Storage, $150, Pottery Barn.

Shine on

Unique vintage lighting can be difficult; it often needs to be re-wired and takes bulb types that are no longer available or not home-safe. It's best to stick with reproduction light fixtures; a pendant would look sharp hanging over a dining table or even used as a swag light hung low over a coffee table. Remember that when light bulbs are exposed, the fixture needs to be on a dimmer switch to soften the glow of the bulb. Industrial Bulb Pendant Light, $130, West Elm.

Get the look

Some decorative ways to get the industrial look:

- **Paint your ceiling a concrete grey colour.** Be dramatic in smaller areas like the foyer, bathroom or den. Painting the ceiling a rich concrete grey colour like Fusion AF-675 from Benjamin Moore Paints will add a surprising punch of drama to a space. Add a bright colour to the space like white, yellow or turquoise to liven it up and leave the walls off-white to keep the space bright.
- **Use leather and suede-looking upholstery.** Time-worn leathers or suede on contemporary furnishings can give both a rustic and modern feel to a room.
- **Keep window treatments simple.** Perforated window shades (the style most used on office windows) will keep a streamlined look to a room.

Traditional house, industrial style

The builders of the early 20th century's factories and warehouses would be amazed. Elements used back then to create sparse, utilitarian workspaces — like rough-hewn wooden tables, rolling carts, metal filing cabinets and industrial lighting — are now hot items in home decorating.

GO FOR CONTRAST

"If I already have a carved-wood, French-traditional, damask sofa, I probably would mix in more of the wooden industrial pieces than metal," says Emily Henderson, host of HGTV's upcoming series Secrets from a Stylist.

The wood tones of different pieces don't need to match — in fact, it's best if they don't.

PERFECT FOR KITCHENS

Kitchens are a practical place to begin injecting industrial design.

To take it further, says decordemon.com founder Brian Patrick Flynn, "add two industrial lights over a kitchen island or over a big wooden table."

SWAP OUT ACCENT PIECES

Throughout your home, consider replacing a side table or coffee table with an old industrial trunk, cart or card catalogue. Look for pieces with aged or distressed metal.

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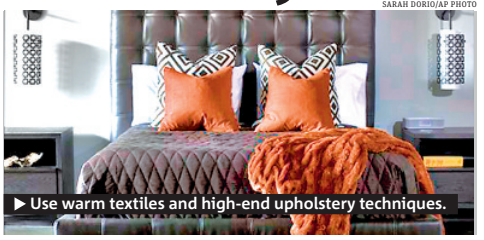

▶ Use warm textiles and high-end upholstery techniques.

Contractors don't have to be scary

Follow these simple rules to make your search for a tradesman much easier

DIY IDEAS

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Hiring a contractor for home renovations or repairs makes many people nervous. And that's understandable.

Everyone has heard stories about tradesmen who don't show up, aren't qualified or lack ethics.

Luckily, there are some great contractors out there, too.

Finding that person is easier if you follow a few simple rules.

1. Collect some personal referrals. Look for contractors who have already done good work for family members, friends and neighbours.

Your local homebuilders association is another source of leads.

2. Start with informal meetings. Don't be in a rush to get formal quotations. At first, you just want to see if you get a good feeling about the different candidates.

If you don't like them over a cup of coffee, you won't fall in love with them when they start ripping into your walls.

3. Letters of reference are overrated. No contractor is going to show you a bad one!

Instead, ask about the job(s) the contractor is doing right now. If they have no jobs "right now," be very wary. Whatever they are currently working on, ask to talk to that homeowner personally.

4. Three or four quotes are enough. Throw out any quotes that are more than ten or 15 per cent higher or lower than the average.

5. Make your final decision on a combination of gut feel and price.

You might get a much warmer feeling about the second-lowest (or even third-lowest) quote than the low bidder. Trust your instincts. That person might be your best bet.

6. Don't do "under the table" deals. If there is no formal contract and no record of payment, what are you going to do if the job goes bad?

7. "Get It In Writing."

For more information on hiring the right contractor, visit hiringacontractor.com. For hands-on renovation training, visit biyworkshops.com.

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Cheddar Chive Almond Milk Scones

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Preparation:

1. In food processor, pulse together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add butter until just combined and resembling pea–sized course meal with a few large pieces. Cut butter into flour mix.
2. Pour flour mixture into large bowl. With a fork, stir in cheese, almonds and chives until well combined. Stir in almond milk until just moistened.
3. Gather dough into two balls until it holds together. Transfer dough onto a floured surface and knead. Press into two circles about ¾ inch (1.5 cm) thick. Cut each circle into 8 wedges and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet.
4. **Topping:** Brush tops with almond milk and sprinkle with salt. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 3 cups (750 mL) flour
- 2 ½ teaspoon (12 mL) baking powder
- ½ teaspoon (2 mL) baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon (4 mL) salt
- ¾ cup (175 mL) unsalted butter, cubed
- 2 cups (500 mL) extra old shredded white cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup (50 mL) slivered almonds
- ¼ cup (50 mL) finely chopped chives
- 1 cup (250 mL) almond milk

Topping

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) almond milk
- Fleur de sel sea salt

A taste of Latin America

This sirloin dish, called Picadillo, can be served up a few different ways

DINNER EXPRESS

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Liven up dinner with this Latin American sirloin dish called Picadillo. Serve it the traditional way over rice or make a tasty treat by tucking it into taco shells with toppings.

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook garlic, onion, sweet pepper and ground beef, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is browned and completely cooked.
2. Add salsa, chili powder, cumin, olives and raisins; reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes. Add 2 to 3 tbsp (25 to 45 mL) of water if necessary. Sprinkle with almonds, if desired.

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▶ Picadillo mixes a unique combination of beef, raisins, green olives, salsa and more.

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 sweet red, yellow or green pepper, finely diced
- 1 lb (500 g) extra-lean ground beef sirloin
- 1 cup (250 mL) medium or spicy salsa
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chili powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cumin
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sliced green olives
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) raisins
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) slivered almonds (optional)

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Sens witnessing the end of an era

Phillips expected to waive no-movement clause with right deal

There were plenty of smiles and laughs going around at the Senators' practice yesterday, but there was no masking the seriousness of the shakeup going on inside the floundering NHL team's dressing room.

The Senators, dead last in the Eastern Conference and in 29th place overall, held their workout at a local outdoor rink, much to the delight of a couple of hundred school children who took a break from the classroom in order to watch and gather autographs and photos with their heroes.

The excursion lightened the mood of a team that for the second time in less than a week watched one of its longest serving and most popular players depart the dressing-room door via a trade.

"We expected some stuff to happen, but nothing this drastic this soon," centre Jason Spezza said after watching his best friend on the team, centre Chris Kelly, get shipped off to the Boston Bruins for a second-round draft pick.

Last Thursday Mike Fisher was traded to Nashville for a first-round pick and a conditional pick, and the shakeup has only just begun.

"I didn't think (Kelly) would be a guy that was going to get traded," Spezza said. "They're just trying to shed some salary and start from scratch."

"We're going to retool the budget, we're going to retool the organization and ... there's going to be some painful nights."
BRYAN MURRAY, SENATORS GM

The Senators have officially entered rebuild mode, in a season in which they will miss the playoffs for the second time in three years. They haven't been beyond the first round since making the Stanley Cup final in 2007.

With Kelly and Fisher now gone, only Spezza, captain Daniel Alfredsson, defenceman Chris Phillips and right-winger Chris Neil remain from the team that lost to Anaheim in that final and that number is likely to get smaller.

General manager Bryan Murray said after dealing Kelly that with the exception of Alfredsson and all-star defenceman Erik Karlsson, any player is pretty much in play ahead of the Feb. 28 trade deadline.

If the Senators didn't realize that before last week, they do now.

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▶ Outside of captain Daniel Alfredsson and defenceman Erik Karlsson, pictured, Ottawa GM Bryan Murray is willing to discuss any of his players in a trade.

Pujols likely to test free agency next fall

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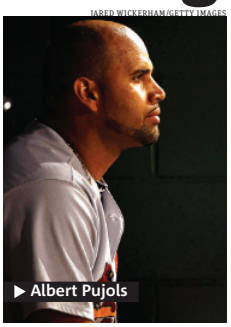

▶ Albert Pujols

The St. Louis Cardinals made what they said was their best offer.

It wasn't enough.

The deadline Albert Pujols set to reach a new contract agreement passed yesterday, making it likely the three-time MVP will become a free agent after the World Series. The Cardinals said they will respect his wish and not request talks during the season, unless Pujols approaches them.

"A difference of opinion in determining Albert's value simply could not be resolved," said Pujols' agent, Dan Lozano.

The Cardinals would not reveal their offer, though it was believed to be around $200 million US for eight years, possibly with an opportunity for Pujols to obtain an ownership stake in the franchise once his playing days are complete.

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Sports in brief

Vick Bails on Oprah's show

TV. Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick will not be appearing on The Oprah Winfrey Show after all.

A show spokesman said yesterday representatives of the NFL star called late Tuesday to cancel his appearance for personal reasons. The daytime talk show host's interview with Vick was set to air Feb. 24. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raiders avoid franchise tag

NFL. SI.com is reporting that the Oakland Raiders have agreed with defensive tackle Richard Seymour on a two-year, $30-million US contract that includes $22.5 million in guaranteed money.

It allows Oakland to avoid using a franchise tag on Seymour for a second straight season. He earned $12.4 million last season and would have made about $14.9 million next season with the tag.

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"I know something will have to happen whether I sign the extension or whether the Nuggets move me or whatever. Something is going to happen, so I try not to stress myself out about it."
NUGGETS STAR CARMELO ANTHONY INSISTS HE'S NOT FRETTING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN AS THE FEB. 24 TRADE DEADLINE APPROACHES.

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Colorado	57	25	26	6	0	171	195	56	14-14-3-0	11-12-3-0	1-9-0-0	L8
Edmonton	57	17	32	1	7	141	194	42	8-17-1-3	9-15-1-3	3-7-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 2 Buffalo 1
Los Angeles 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
New Jersey 3 Carolina 2
Philadelphia 4 Florida 2
Minnesota at Chicago
Pittsburgh at Colorado
Dallas at Calgary
Washington at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 4 Dallas 1
Toronto 4 Boston 3
Vancouver 4 Minnesota 1
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 Tampa Bay 3 (SO)
San Jose 2 Nashville 1 (OT)
Tonight's games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, SABRES 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Brent Tor (interference) 2:36, Toronto bench (too many men; served by Lupul) 14:22, Grabovski Tor (hooking) 16:27.
Second Period
1. Toronto, Kessel 22 (Kaberle, Lupul) 4:36
Penalties — Lupul Tor (roughing), Connolly Buf (roughing, tripping) 10:09.
Third Period
2. Toronto, Crabb 1 (Brent) 8:29 (sh)
3. Buffalo, Gaustad 8 (Stafford, Butler) 10:20
Penalties — Gerbe Buf (interference) 4:44, Gaustad Buf (hooking) 5:10, Gunnarsson Tor (hooking) 7:49.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	5	10	15	—30
Buffalo	9	8	7	—24

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Giguere (9-9), Reimer (W,8-4-1)(start second)(15-14); Buffalo: Miller (L,24-16-5).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-3; Buffalo: 0-4.
Referees — Frederick L'Ecuyer, Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Scott Driscoll.
Att. — 18,414 (18,690) at Buffalo, N.Y.

DEVILS 3, HURRICANES 2

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Bodie Car, Fraser NJ (fighting) 1:47.
Second Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 20 (Palmieri, Zajac) 5:41
Penalties — Jokinen Car (diving), C.White NJ (hooking) 19:58.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Rolston 9 (Elias, Salmela) 0:34
3. New Jersey, Elias 14 (Rolston, Fayne) 1:59
4. Carolina, Samsonov 10 (Tlusty) 8:17
5. Carolina, Ruutu 14 (E.Staal, McBain) 19:55
Penalties — C.White NJ (interference) 8:42, Fraser NJ (cross-checking) 11:02, Skinner Car (hooking) 11:42.
Shots on goal by

Carolina	5	6	16	—27
New Jersey	6	8	8	—22

Goal — Carolina: Ward (L,24-19-7); New Jersey: Hedberg (W,10-10-2).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Carolina: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Ciamaga, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — Michel Cormier, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 14,445 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

KINGS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Williams 20 (Loktionov, Martinez) 16:52
2. Columbus, Voracek 11 (MacKenzie, Nash) 18:34
Penalty — Clitsome Clb (high-sticking) 14:46.
Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Loktionov 4 (Greene) 13:05
4. Columbus, Nash 27 (MacKenzie, Clitsome) 15:14
Penalties — Clark Clb (elbowing) 4:55, Doughty LA (hooking) 18:24, Lewis LA (tripping) 18:31.
Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Doughty 8 (Handzus, Kopitar) 6:08
6. Columbus, Russell 3 (Voracek, Nash) 18:37
Penalty — Russell Clb (high-sticking) 12:28.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Los Angeles wins 1-0
Los Angeles (1) — Handzus, miss; Stoll, goal.
Columbus (0) — Nash, miss; Calvert, miss; Huselius, miss.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	10	10	7	2	—29
Columbus	7	6	9	2	—24

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,26-14-2); Columbus: Garon (L,9-9-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 0-3; Columbus: 0-2.
Referees — Kyle Rehman, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, Darren Gibbs.
Att. — 12,442 (18,144) at Columbus, Ohio.

LATE TUESDAY
OILERS 4, STARS 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 12 (Gagner, Vandermeer) 18:02
Penalty — Daley Dal (hooking) 15:58.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Chorney 1 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 7:40 (pp)
3. Dallas, Eriksson 19 (Williams, Lehtonen) 16:31 (pp)
4. Edmonton, Horcoff 8 (Hemsky, Chorney) 18:10 (pp)
Penalties — Fistric Dal (hooking) 7:18, Dallas bench (too many men; served by Gagnon) 9:51, Horcoff Edm (tripping) 15:50, Wandell Dal (tripping) 16:41.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Hemsky 10 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 0:28
Penalties — Jacques Edm (interference) 5:38, Eberle Edm (holding) 13:52, Fistric Dal (cross-checking) 17:25, Neal Dal (slashing) 19:45.
Shots

Dallas	7	9	9—25
Edmonton	11	12	7—30

Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,23-16-6); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,9-25-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 1-3; Edmonton: 2-6.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Bill McCreary.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	26	16	9	1	57	25	57
Arsenal	26	16	5	5	56	27	53
Man City	27	14	7	6	43	24	49
Tottenham	26	13	8	5	37	28	47
Chelsea	26	13	6	7	46	22	45
Liverpool	27	11	6	10	35	32	39
Sunderland	27	9	10	8	33	33	37
Bolton	27	9	9	9	38	37	36
Newcastle	27	9	8	10	42	38	35
Stoke	26	10	3	13	31	33	33
Blackburn	27	9	5	13	34	42	32
Fulham	27	6	13	8	28	28	31
Everton	26	6	12	8	33	36	30
Birmingham	26	6	12	8	25	35	30
Aston Villa	27	7	9	11	31	46	30
Blackpool	26	8	5	13	39	50	29
West Brom	26	7	6	13	34	51	27
Wigan	27	5	12	10	27	45	27
West Ham	27	5	10	12	30	48	25
Wolverhampton	26	7	3	16	26	45	24

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Leg
Yesterday's results
Arsenal (England) 2 Barcelona (Spain) 1
AS Roma (Italy) 2 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3
Tuesday Results
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Tottenham (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 1 Schalke (Germany) 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with INF Orlando Cabrera on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with OF Delmon Young on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Released LHP Neal Cotts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Scott Podsednik on a minor league contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Lance Cormier on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with 2B Rickie Weeks on a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Designated RHP Luis Atilano for assignment

NBA

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS — Promoted interim coach Paul Silas to coach and signed him to a one-year contract extension.
International

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Promoted passing game coordinator Mike Miller to offensive coordinator.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released DL Marcus Stroud.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Reassigned quarterbacks coach Frank Reich to receivers coach, receivers coach Ron Turner to quarterbacks coach and offensive assistant Jim Bob Cooter to assistant to the offensive coordinator.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Designated LB Tamba Hali their franchise player.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Tracy Rocker defensive line coach.
Arena Football League
ARIZONA RATTLERS — Signed DL Randy Earl.

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned G Marco Cousineau from Syracuse (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL) and G Timo Pielmeier to Syracuse (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated LW Ethan Moreau from injured reserve.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Kris Newbury from Connecticut (AHL).

NLL

EDMONTON RUSH — Traded D Ian Hawksbee to Washington for D Tyler Codron.

MLS

D.C. UNITED — Signed F Charlie Davies for the 2011 season on loan from FC Sochaux (France-Ligue 1).
HOUSTON DYNAMO — Acquired D Jermaine Taylor from St. George's (Jamaica).

LACROSSE

WEEK SEVEN

Tomorrow's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Singles
Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-1, 3-5, retired.
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Francesca Schiavone (3), Italy, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-1.
Sam Stosur, (4), Australia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Li Na (5), China, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-2, 6-3.
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus, def. Peng Shuai, China, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwansaka (8), Poland def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 7-5, 6-4.
Shahar Peer (9), Israel, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.
Marion Bartoli (10), France, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
Kaia Kanepi (12), Estonia, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Alisa Kleybanova (15), Russia, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (16), Russia, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.
Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Zheng Jie, China, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, and Anastasia Rodionova (5), Australia, 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).
Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (6), U.S., def. Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, and Iveta Benesova (8), Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 10-7 tiebreak.
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Selima Sfar, Tunisia, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, 6-3, 6-0.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Yan Zi, China, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Zhang Shuai, China, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 10-8 (tiebreak).

ATP OPEN 13 RESULTS

At Marseille, France
Singles
First Round
Ivan Ljubicic (5), Croatia, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-4.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ernests Gulbis (7), Latvia, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Second Round
Jurgen Melzer (4), Austria, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-5, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Benoit Paire and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. James Cerretani, U.S., and Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont., 4-6, 6-3, 10-2 (tiebreak).
Arnaud Clement and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Philipp Marx (4), Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Julien Benneteau and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Quarter-finals
Marin Cilic and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, def. Tomasz Bednarek, Poland, and Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-0, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	40	14	.741	—
d-Miami	41	15	.732	—
d-Chicago	37	16	.698	2½
Orlando	36	21	.632	5½
Atlanta	34	21	.618	6½
New York	28	26	.519	12
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	14½
Indiana	24	29	.453	15½
Charlotte	24	32	.429	17
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	19
Detroit	20	36	.357	21
New Jersey	17	40	.298	24½
Washington	15	39	.278	25
Toronto	15	41	.268	26
Cleveland	10	46	.179	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Dallas	38	16	.704	7½
d-L.A. Lakers	38	19	.667	9
d-Oklahoma City	35	19	.648	10½
New Orleans	33	24	.579	14
Portland	31	24	.564	15
Denver	31	25	.554	15½
Utah	31	25	.554	15½
Memphis	31	26	.544	16
Phoenix	27	26	.509	18
Houston	26	30	.464	20½
Golden State	25	29	.463	20½
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	26
Sacramento	13	39	.250	31½
Minnesota	13	42	.236	33

d – division leader
Last night's results
Orlando 101, Washington 76
Miami 103, Toronto 95
Boston 94, New Jersey 80
Cleveland 104, L.A. Lakers 99
New York 102, Atlanta 90
Indiana at Detroit
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota
Sacramento at Dallas
Philadelphia at Houston
Golden State at Utah
Denver at Milwaukee
New Orleans at Portland
Tuesday's results
Miami 110, Indiana 103
Chicago 106, Charlotte 94
Memphis 102, Philadelphia 91
Oklahoma City 126, Sacramento 96
Phoenix 102, Utah 101
Golden State 102, New Orleans 89
Tonight's games
San Antonio at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	50	478	397	1444	28.9
Stoudemire, NYK	52	513	326	1361	26.2
James, MIA	53	481	355	1385	26.1
Wade, MIA	51	456	336	1292	25.3
Bryant, LAL	56	503	336	1415	25.3
Ellis, GOL	54	508	255	1359	25.2
Anthony, DEN	49	421	338	1221	24.9
Rose, CHI	52	463	269	1276	24.5
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Martin, HOU	54	361	413	1254	23.2
Griffin, LAC	55	476	288	1247	22.7
Howard, ORL	54	433	357	1223	22.6
Nowitzki, DAL	45	369	236	1019	22.6
Westbrook, OKC	54	405	371	1200	22.2
Aldridge, POR	55	479	255	1216	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	49	400	203	1059	21.6
Williams, UTA	52	364	295	1111	21.4
Love, MIN	55	381	325	1161	21.1
Granger, IND	52	369	241	1089	20.9
Randolph, MEM	52	418	205	1046	20.1
Beasley, MIN	47	375	144	934	19.9
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	56	405	278	1088	19.4
Scola, HOU	56	444	179	1067	19.1
Jackson, CHA	54	358	212	1028	19.0
West, NOR	56	424	208	1058	18.9
Gasol, LAL	56	403	235	1041	18.6
Pierce, BOS	53	341	229	985	18.6
Bosh, MIA	51	351	230	938	18.4
Evans, SAC	46	321	164	843	18.3
Ginobili, SAN	55	304	263	985	17.9

Not including ladt night's games.

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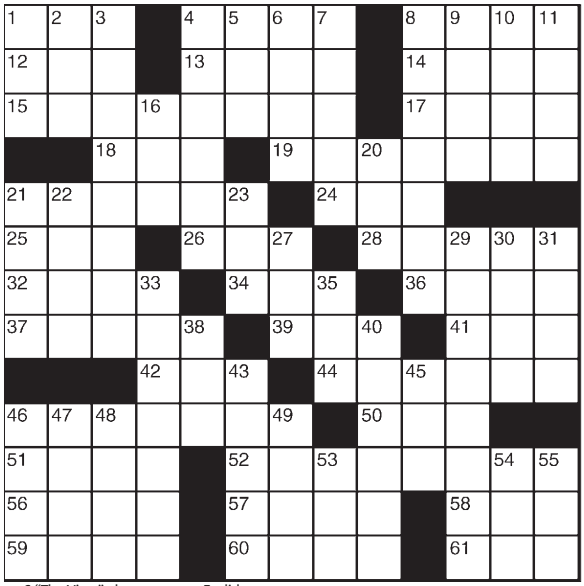

Across

1 Every last bit
4 Marine of old TV
8 Instances of word-play
12 Shelter
13 Picnic spoiler
14 On
15 TSA checks
17 Eastern princess
18 Poorly lit
19 Action-movie sound
21 Boutique, perhaps
24 Quite some time
25 In what way?
26 Bill
28 Marionette parts
32 "— It Romantic?"
34 Mojito ingredient
36 Green stroke
37 Man of morals?
39 America's uncle
41 Chesapeake, e.g.
42 Actor Stephen
44 Tease
46 Bring charges against
50 Long —
51 Back
52 Square dances
56 Approximately
57 Mark replacement
58 Zero
59 Loch — Monster
60 Sketch
61 Agent

Down

1 Matterhorn, e.g.
2 Place to graze
3 Disappointments
4 Immediate
5 Deviate off course
6 "The View" alumna Lisa
7 Follow
8 Carrot cousin
9 Hexagonal state
10 Admonition to Nanette
11 Skewer
16 Party bowlful
20 Present
21 Actor LaBoeuf
22 Stockings
23 Listener
27 Clear the tables
29 Massages
30 List-ending abbr.
31 Eyelid woe
33 Bullring VIPs
35 Fellow
38 Shooter ammo
40 Jamie-Lynn's "Sopranos" role
43 Was sore
45 Id counterpart
46 Press
47 Simple
48 Go by
49 Session with a shrink
53 Historic period
54 Pinch
55 Crafty

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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		6	7				5	3

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	3	1	4	7	2	6	8	9
6	2	4	9	1	8	5	3	7
8	7	9	3	6	5	4	2	1
3	6	5	1	9	7	2	4	8
9	4	8	2	5	3	7	1	6
2	1	7	6	8	4	9	5	3
7	9	2	5	3	1	8	6	4
4	8	3	7	2	6	1	9	5
1	5	6	8	4	9	3	7	2

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I love you Mimi! You're the most amazing boyfriend and I couldn't ask for anyone better. You're my best friend and I'll always be here for you no matter what. Purple monkeys boobookins! **XOXO KIKA**

To my T-Roy, Just wanted to let you know that you are thought about. Enjoy your nap! Love ya. **YOUR HUCKABERRY**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Treat friends and colleagues with the respect that they deserve. That means making sure they know what is going on and making sure they feel like they are part of your plans.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Your dealings with employers will go better if you get rid of the idea that there always have to be winners and losers. Life is not a zero sum game. Find ways to be successful together.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will feel as if a huge burden has been lifted from your shoulders today. Most likely all that has happened is you have let go of emotions that serve no positive purpose. Life is what it is, so just enjoy it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but they have been building up for some time. There is no reason why you should not have certain desires, but you must find constructive outlets for them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 As far as partners and loved ones are concerned, you can do no wrong today. But that is not an excuse to misbehave. Remind those you care for that you will always be there for them.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The current cosmic picture urges you to slow down. It seems you've reached the point where the more effort you put in, the less you get back. Why run yourself into the ground?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Even if you are the kind of Libra who tries not to get emotional, you will want to let those who are important to you know how much you care for them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Sadly, not everyone is as optimistic about life's possibilities as you. Make allowances for those who are feeling a bit down in the dumps. What can you do to cheer them up?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will feel much happier with yourself, and with life in general if you make an effort to get out and about. Travel arrangements will go well for you today, so well in fact that you may not want to come back.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Times may be tough financially but for some reason you don't seem as worried about your cash flow as you were just a few days ago. That's good.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your outlook will improve considerably today as the Sun in your sign joins forces with Neptune, planet of imagination. What kind of future do you want for yourself? Picture it in your mind and never doubt that it will come true.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you want to be left alone today, let other people know they don't have the right to invade your space. The first person who does must be put right, loudly. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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